

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton;  
Tony Hammond; and  
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices  
Express Mail & Priority Mail  
Contract 8 (MC2009-33)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2009-44

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued December 27, 2012)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire January 9, 2013.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service requests that the Commission grant an extension to January 27, 2013, when it expects the successor contract will take effect after the Commission completes its review.

The Postal Service represents that the parties have been working diligently to reach a new agreement to avoid any interruption in the Postal Service's ability to provide this customer access to negotiated rates. *Id.* at 1. The Postal Service represents that it is currently gathering signatures on the successor contract, and

---

<sup>1</sup> See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, December 21, 2012 (Motion).

expects to file with the Commission shortly after the New Year. *Id.* To avoid any interruption in the customer's access to negotiated rates, the Postal Service requests that the terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement be extended until January 27, 2013. *Id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for 18 days from the current expiration date until January 27, 2013. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed December 21, 2012, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for 18 days from the current expiration date, until January 27, 2013.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary